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§4–308.1.

(a) In this section, “community–based health fair” means a health service event that offers primary health care services to an individual for free or using a sliding fee schedule that is sponsored by:

- (1) The federal, the State, or a local government;
- (2) A nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or
- (3) A nonprofit community organization that has the stated purpose of providing health services to the disadvantaged.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a licensed dental hygienist, without the supervision of a dentist, may provide without compensation the following services at a community–based health fair:

- (1) A preliminary dental examination, including charting any cavities, restorations, or missing teeth;
- (2) Oral health education;
- (3) Taking blood pressure, pulse rate, respiration rate, height, and weight; and
- (4) Referrals to a dental home, including providing a patient with a list of clinical public health facilities.

(c) (1) The Board, in consultation with the Department’s Office of Oral Health, shall develop a standard form to be used by a dental hygienist who performs the services authorized under this section at a community–based health fair.

(2) A dental hygienist who performs services in accordance with this section shall:

- (i) Fill out the form required under paragraph (1) of this subsection for each patient who received services from the dental hygienist; and
- (ii) Submit the completed form to the Office of Oral Health.

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